

October 25, 2021

The Honorable Elizabeth Hernandez
Chair, House Redistricting Committee
109 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Representative Hernandez,

We are asking you to support the new Congressional map which contains two Latino majority Districts. This is a historic opportunity to have two Congressmen represent our community in Washington, DC. While the state lost population as a whole, the Latino population in Illinois grew by 15%, and is now over 18% according to the 2020 Census. To make up 18% of the population but only have 1 out of 17 congressional districts is unacceptable. This severely disenfranchises Latino communities. Two is much better, but still just a start towards making sure Latino's have a strong voice in DC, and a seat at the table in national policymaking.

We implore you to please take a stand for the Latino communities of Illinois, who are in desperate need of representation and resources. Our organizations serve these communities, and we have seen firsthand how this lack of a voice at the highest levels limits resources and opportunities provided to Latinos. We are only asking for what is fair.

Sincerely,

Northwest Center
Metropolitan Family Services
Northwest Community Development Corporation
Las Damas de Belmont Cragin
Healthcare Alternative Systems Inc.
New Life Church Northwest
Northwest Community Church
City Light Church
Iglesia Evangelica Emanuel
Belmont Assembly of God